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SUBJ: PROPOSED TRAVEL BY USDA SPECIALISTS (WANAMAKER-SVEC)

FROM AGRICULTURE

1. WE HAD FOLLOWED YOUR EARLIER SUGGESTIONS AND DISCUSSED PLANS WITH KONYGIN AND RECEIVED ASSURANCES OF COOPERATION. KONYGIN ALSO ADVISED US HE HAD CONTACTED MIN. AGR., MOSCOW , REF. WANAMAKER'S PROPOSED EARLIER TRAVEL.

2. WE ARE PROCEEDING THROUGH INTOURIST TO ARRANGE TRAVEL AND DOUBLE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR WANAMAKER AND SVEC FOR TRAVEL IN USSR FROM JUNE 5-22. ONCE ITINERARY FIXED, EMBASSY WILL BE REQUESTED CONTACT APPROPRIATE SOVIET AGENCIES TO ARRANGE MENINGFUL
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CONTACTS. WE WISH TO STRESS TECHNICAL SERVICING ASPECT OF VISIT.

3. IN HOPE OF SECURING PERMISSION TRAVEL SOVIET FAR EAST, INTOURIST WAS ADVISED WANAMAKER PREVIOUSLY HEADED VISIT UNDER CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN 1964 AND RECEIVED WRITTEN INVITATION VISIT ODESSA, Khabarovsk, ETC. (COPY SENT AGR. ATTACHE, MOSCOW 1972). WHILE Khabarovsk TRIP CANCELLED DUE WEATHER, INVITATION WAS LEFT OPEN IF HE COULD AGAIN VISIT USSR. WITH CURRENT CLIMATE FOR FUTURE EXCHANGES, SOVIET MAY AGREE TO PERMIT WANAMAKER VISIT SOVIET FAR EAST AS SIGN OF COOPERATION.

4. WISH TO INCLUDE FOLLOWING IN VISIT IF POSSIBLE:

A. MOSCOW (1) MIN. FOREIGN TRADE (MAIN ADM. IMPORT INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS); (2) MIN. FOOD INDUSTRY (OILSEED PROCESSING); (3) MIN. PROCUREMENT (STORAGE AND MIXED FEED INDUSTRY); (4) MIN. AGRICULTURE (SBM USER); (5) MIN. MARITIME FLEET; (6) MIN. RAILROADS; (7) PRODINTORG, MR. USOLTSEV AND MS. KRUGLOVA; (8) ESPOKLEB; (9) STATE COMM. EXTERNAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MR. SHUMAEV; (10) ALL UNION SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INST.

B. RIGA AREA- REVIEW PORT AND RAIL HANDLING OF U. S. IMPORTED GRAINS SOYBEANS. VISIT VEGETABLE OIL PROCESSING PLANT AND MIXED AND LIVESTOCK FEED OPERATION. KONYGIN NOTES THIS AREA HAS NEW FACILITIES FOR OILSEED PROCESSING.

C. ODESSA AREA- GENERALLY SAME AS RIGA, ALSO SUNFLOWER OIL HANDLING AT ILYCHEVSK AND SUNFLOWER GROWING AND PROCESSING ON STATE/ COLLECTIVE FARMS- UKRAINE.

D. Khabarovsk AREA- USSR SOYBEAN CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, ETC. LOCAL MIN. AGR.; PROCUREMENT FACILITIES; AGR. RESEARCH INSTITUTE, LOCAL STATE COLLECTIVE FARM.

5. PRIOR CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROPOSED TRIP.
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